# Chapter 7 SPECIAL PAY AND ALLOWANCES

## **Chapter Overview**

#### Introduction

The objective of this chapter is to provide a concise, user-friendly job aid for starting and stopping special pay and allowances. This chapter provides checklists, guides, and information required to complete these tasks.

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# Section A SPECIAL PAY

### **Section Overview**

#### Introduction

This section provides the information needed to understand how the different kinds of special pay work, who is entitled to them, and how to get members paid.

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### **Aviation Career Incentive Pay (ACIP)**

#### Introduction

Aviation Career Incentive Pay (ACIP) is authorized for rated/designated officers, warrant officers, and officers in flight training. Aviation service information used to establish an aviator's PMIS/JUMPS record is contained in Chapter 5, CG Pay Manual.

#### Reference

- CG Pay Manual, Section 5-A, Aviation Career Incentive Pay (ACIP) for Rated/Designated Officers and Warrant Officers
- COMDTINST 7220.39 (series), Management and Administration of Aviation Incentive Pays

#### **Procedures**

Follow these procedures to start, stop, suspend, and reinstate ACIP.

If	And	Then
Member becomes first	prior aviation	enclose documentation to substantiate flying
eligible for ACIP	service	time/status and notify PERSRU to start
		entitlement
	without prior	notify PERSRU to start entitlement
	aviation service	
Aviator fails to		notify PERSRU to stop entitlement
qualify		
for continuous ACIP	member later	notify PERSRU to start entitlement
	qualifies	
Reinstating ACIP for	performing flying	notify PERSRU to start entitlement
aviators with over 25	duty	
years officer service	not performing	PMIS/JUMPS automatically stops entitlement
	flying duty	
Reporting suspension	affects eligibility	notify PERSRU to stop entitlement
from flight status	for ACIP	
	does not affect	no action taken to stop entitlement
	eligibility for ACIP	
Reporting errors in	inaccurate	send letter to HRSIC (MAS) via PERSRU.
ACIP	information on	Include supporting documentation from aviation
	LES	flight record, PDR and/or member's file

### **Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HDIP)**

#### Introduction

Members issued flight orders in accordance with the CG Personnel Manual and meeting all requirements of the CG Pay Manual are entitled to Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HDIP).

#### Reference

- CG Pay Manual, Section 5-B, Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay for Enlisted Members and nonrated or nondesignated Officers
- CG Personnel Manual

Article 6-A-4, Technical Observers

Article 6-B-4, Flight Orders for Enlisted Personnel

 COMDTINST 7220.39 (series), Management and Administration of Aviation Incentive Pays

# How to start HDIP

To start HDIP forward copies of flight orders to the PERSRU.

#### When to stop HDIP

To stop HDIP forward a letter to the PERSRU if one of these situations occur:

- member's order is revoked
- member fails to meet minimum flying time
- member is suspended from flying

Note: HDIP automatically stops on a PCS departure.

## Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (FDHDIP)

#### Introduction

Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (FDHDIP) is an entitlement to members assigned to duty involving frequent and regular participation in flight operations on the flight deck of a cutter.

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual, Section 5-C, Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (FDHDIP)

# **Procedures to start FDHDIP**

Use these procedures to start FDHDIP.

Step	Action		
1	Complete letter authorizing payment		
	<b>Note</b> : Unit commanding officer must sign authorization		
2	Ensure authorization contains a start and stop date using this criteria:		
	If	Then	
	the entitlement is for a full	the stop date will be the last day	
	month, and the start date will be	of the month.	
	the first of the month,		
	the entitlement is for part of the	provide the appropriate start and	
	month,	stop dates.	
3	Forward authorization to PERSRU	Ј.	

# **High Pressure Chamber Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay** (HPCHDIP)

#### Introduction

High Pressure Chamber Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HPCHDIP) is an entitlement to qualified Coast Guard Divers serving under Duty Involving Diving Orders (DUID) and who meet the special conditions described in the CG Pay Manual.

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual, Section 5-D, High Pressure Chamber Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay (HPCHDIP)

#### **Payments**

Payments for HPCHDIP are made on a monthly basis.

- Members must qualify for HPCHDIP on a monthly basis.
- HPCHDIP may be prorated to adjust for issuance or revocation of DUID orders.

#### **Procedure**

Each month that the member is qualified for HPCHDIP the unit commanding officer will send a letter to the PERSRU authorizing payment.

• If the member was not serving under DUID orders for the entire month, indicate the date of issuance or revocation of the DUID orders.

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### **Hostile Fire (Imminent Danger) Pay (HFPAY)**

#### Introduction

Hostile Fire Pay (HFPAY) is an entitlement to members who meet the special conditions described in the CG Pay Manual. This special pay is in addition to any other pay and allowances a member may be entitled.

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual, Section 4-H, Special Pay - Duty Subject to Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger

#### Qualified Areas for Imminent Danger Pay

Areas designated as qualifying for imminent danger pay are listed in Section 4-H-3 of the CG Pay Manual. The listing of qualified areas may be modified, from time to time, via ALCOAST messages.

#### Rules for Imminent Danger Pay

The following rules apply when determining entitlement to Imminent Danger Pay:

- A member who serves on official duty in one of the designated areas for any part of a month is entitled to imminent danger pay for the entire month;
- In those areas where airspace is designated, personnel who fly through the area are eligible for payment if the members are assigned to official temporary duty to the airspace of the combat zone.

#### Amount of Imminent Danger Pay

The current (effective August 1990) monthly rate of imminent danger pay is \$150.00.

## Hostile Fire (Imminent Danger) Pay (HFPAY), Continued

Procedure for payment of Imminent Danger Pay This is the procedure utilized when a member qualifies for or looses entitlement to imminent danger pay

Step	Action		
1	The unit commanding officer sends a letter or message to the		
	PERSRU authorizing Hostile Fire (Imminent Danger) Pay. In		
	addition to the	e name, rank, SSN and area of hostile activity, include	
	one of these e	ntitlements in the letter:	
	Entitlement	Description	
	Continuing	If starting, include:	
		• Date the event occurred (e.g., reporting date)	
		• Statement indicating the member is entitled on an	
		ongoing basis.	
		If stopping, include:	
	• Date the event occurred (e.g., departing date)		
		• Statement indicating the exact nature for termination.	
	One time	Include:	
		• Date the event occurred (e.g., date member was in a	
		hostile encounter)	
		• Statement indicating the member is entitled on a one-	
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2	The PERSRU Submits an SDA II Start Pay transaction for imminent		
	danger pay. There are two options available:		
	<b>Option 1</b> : Imminent Danger pay for a single month only		
	Option 2: Con	ntinuous Imminent Danger Pay until submission of a	
	subsequent stop transaction.		

### **Funeral Duty Pay for Reservists**

#### **Introduction** The fiscal year 2000 Legislative Pay Change created an entitlement for

Reservists performing funeral honors duty. The entitlement grants the member one retirement point and a daily allowance of \$50. This section provides procedures for processing the funeral duty pay and points.

**Reference** ALCOAST 244/99

**Procedures** All members of the Ready Reserve can volunteer to perform funeral honors

duty. If the member performs at least two hours of funeral duty, including any associated training and travel, submit a Personnel Action R985 with the

appropriate DUTY TYPE of "G", "H", or "J".

### **Section Overview**

#### Introduction

This section will guide you through the procedures for payment of Basic Allowance for Subsistence, Family Separation Allowance, Overseas Housing Allowance, Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, and Officer Uniform Allowance.

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### Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) - Enlisted

#### Introduction

This section provides procedures for crediting Discount Meal rate charges to a member who is unable to eat meals normally furnished at a government dining facility.

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual, Section 3-B, Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS - Enlisted)

#### Discounted Meal Rate Credits

This is the procedure utilized for crediting Discount Meal Rate charges to a member who is assigned to a mandatory messing unit and the member's duties, or dining facility exigencies, prevent government furnished meals from being provided.

Step	Action		
1	Log meals throughout the month		
2	Forward the following information to the PERSRU at the end of the month:		
	Subj: CERTIFICATION OF MISSED MEALS		
	Ref: (a) ALPERSRU D/02		
	1. I certify that the member listed below was assigned to a mandatory messing unit and their duties or dining facility exigencies prevented government furnished meals (including box lunches) from being provided as follows:		
	Rate/Name: EMPLID:		
	Date(s)         Breakfast         Lunch         Dinner           2/14/02         x           2/15/02         x           2/18/02         x		
	2. Please process necessary PMIS transactions (P 603) to credit the member for the missed meals per reference (a).		

### **Family Separation Allowance (FSA)**

#### Introduction

This is provided to assist in the process of starting and stopping Family Separation Allowance (FSA).

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual, Section 3-F, Family Separation Allowance (FSA)

#### Types of FSA

Family Separation Allowance are broken down into three categories:

- FSA-R For personnel serving in a dependent restricted assignment
- FSA-S For personnel permanently assigned to a ship which deployed in excess of 30 days
- FSA-T For TAD assignments, including TAD to a ship which deployed in excess of 30 days

# Eligibility of FSA Entitlement

Members and units should be aware of the rules governing entitlement to FSA. Refer to CG Pay Manual, Section 3 for detailed information on FSA. The member must understand that he/she is not considered "a member with dependents" for FSA entitlement when:

- The sole dependent is placed in an institution for a known period of over 1 year or for an indefinite period, which may be expected to exceed 1 year.
- The sole dependent is a spouse legally separated or child(ren) in the legal custody of another person.
- The member's dependent parent does not reside in a home which the member controls, supervises, and maintains for mutual use when circumstances permit (43 Comp Gen 44, 46, and 148).
- For member-married-to-member with no dependents, couple must have resided together immediately before being separated by reason of execution of military orders.

# Verification of FSA on the FSA Worksheet

FSA entitlement verification will be completed on the FSA Worksheet (CG HRSIC-2035).

## Family Separation Allowance (FSA), Continued

# Procedures for FSA-R

Use the following procedures if the member becomes entitled to FSA-R:

Step	Action
1	The member must complete a FSA Worksheet when he/she becomes entitled to FSA-R.
2	The unit will endorse the FSA Worksheet and forward to the PERSRU. An E-mail may be sent by the unit to the PERSRU to notify the PERSRU that this entitlement needs to be started on the member (this will allow the PERSRU to start the entitlement on the member in a timely manner). However, the unit must still submit the FSA Worksheet to the PERSRU).
3	Upon Receipt of the FSA Worksheet or E-mail, the PERSRU will submit a FSA transaction on the member to start FSA-R.  Note: After the FSA transaction has been submitted, the PERSRU will ensure that a FSA Worksheet has been received by the unit, if an E-mail was sent by the unit.

# Procedures for FSA-S 60 days or less

For ship deployments of 60 days or less, use the following procedures:

Step	Action		
1	The unit must ensure that each member that is eligible has completed a		
	FSA Worksheet for FSA-S and the worksheet must have a command		
	endorsement. This worksheet will be kept on file at the unit level		
	(suspense file).		
	• If the current FSA Worksheet on the member is more than 1 year old,		
	a new FSA Worksheet must be completed by the member to re-certify		
	FSA eligibility.		
	• If the current FSA Worksheet on the member is less than 1 year old,		
	then no new FSA Worksheet will have to be completed on the		
	member.		
	<b>Note:</b> This removes the requirement of having the member complete a		
	FSA Worksheet every time he/she becomes entitled to FSA-S.		
2	Upon return of the ship to homeport, the unit will notify the PERSRU by		
	message or E-mail with the names and SSNs (last 6 digits) of the		
	members entitled to FSA-S. The start and stop dates of FSA-S must also		
	be included in the message or E-mail (normally the end date will be the		
	day prior to the day returning to homeport).		
3	Upon receipt of the message or E-mail, the PERSRU will submit a		
	single FSA transaction for each member to establish a one time credit of		
	FSA-S.		

## Family Separation Allowance (FSA), Continued

Procedures for FSA-S over 60 days

For ship deployments of over 60 days, use the following procedures:

Step	On the 31 <sup>st</sup> day away from homeport
1	<ul> <li>The unit must ensure that each member that is eligible has completed a FSA Worksheet for FSA-S and the worksheet must have a command endorsement. This worksheet will be kept on file at the unit level (suspense file).</li> <li>If the current FSA Worksheet on the member is more than 1 year old, a new FSA Worksheet must be completed by the member to re-certify FSA eligibility.</li> <li>If the current FSA Worksheet on the member is less than 1 year old, then no new FSA Worksheet will have to be completed on the member.</li> <li>Note: This removes the requirement of having the member complete a</li> </ul>
2	FSA Worksheet every time he/she becomes entitled to FSA-S.  Unit notifies PERSRU by message of start date and member's names and SSNs (last six digits) who are entitled to FSA-S.
3	Upon receipt of the message, the PERSRU will submit a single FSA transaction for each member to establish a start of FSA-S.
	Upon return to homeport
4	Upon return of the ship to homeport, the unit will notify the PERSRU by message or E-mail with the names and SSNs (last 6 digits) of the members. The date FSA-S ends must also be included in the message or E-mail (normally the end date will be the day prior to the day returning to homeport).
5	Upon receipt of the message or E-mail, the PERSRU will submit a single FSA transaction for each member to establish a stop of FSA-S.

# Procedures for FSA-T 60 days or less

For members who are TAD for 60 days or less, use the following procedures:

Step	Action
1	Upon return to the unit from TAD, the member will complete a FSA
	Worksheet.
2	The unit will endorse the FSA Worksheet and forward it with a copy of
	the TAD/TEMDU orders to the PERSRU.
3	Upon Receipt of the FSA Worksheet and copy of TAD/TEMDU orders,
	the PERSRU will submit a FSA transaction on the member to establish a
	one time credit of FSA-T.
	<b>Note:</b> PERSRUs should verify FSA entitlement dates when a copy of
	the travel claim and/or summary sheet is received from HRSIC (TVL).

## Family Separation Allowance (FSA), Continued

Procedures for FSA-T over 60 days

For members who are TAD for over 60 days, use the following procedures:

Step	On the 31 <sup>st</sup> day away from unit	
1	The member must complete a FSA Worksheet.	
2	The TAD unit will endorse the FSA Worksheet and send it with a copy	
	of the TAD/TEMDU orders to the PERSRU servicing the member.	
3	Upon receipt of the FSA Worksheet and copy of the TAD/TEMDU	
	orders, the PERSRU will submit a single FSA transaction on the	
	member to establish a start of FSA-T.	
	Upon return to unit	
4	Upon return of TAD, the member will complete a new FSA Worksheet.	
5	The unit will endorse the FSA Worksheet and send it with a copy of the	
	TAD/TEMDU orders to the PERSRU.	
6	Upon receipt of the FSA Worksheet and copy of the TAD/TEMDU	
	orders, the PERSRU will submit a single FSA transaction on the	
	member to establish a stop of FSA-T.	
	Note: PERSRUs should verify FSA entitlement dates when a copy of	
	the travel claim and/or summary sheet is received by HRSIC (TVL).	

FSA-T entitlements for reserves on active duty Reservists (with dependents) on active duty greater than 30 days, but less than 140 days, who are stationed away from their home drilling unit, and whose dependents do not accompany them to the active duty site, are entitled to FSA-T.

### **Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)**

#### Introduction

This is provided to assist in the process of starting Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and requesting Move-In Housing Allowance (MIHA). MIHA provides a one-time payment for move-in costs while stationed in an OHA locale.

#### Reference

Joint Federal Travel Regulations, Chapter 9 Appendix K, Overseas Housing Allowance Appendix N, Move-In Housing Allowance

#### **Starting OHA**

To start OHA complete the following forms and forward to the PERSRU with a copy of the lease/purchase agreement:

- Sign an Overseas Housing Allowance Briefing Sheet (found in the JFTR, Appendix K)
- Complete a DD Form 2367

# Requesting MIHA

MIHA is requested by completing a CG-2556 and forwarding it to the PERSRU. A second payment of MIHA may be paid only after approval from Commandant (G-WPM-2).

### **Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance**

#### Introduction

This section provides procedures for payment of the Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance (FSSA).

#### Reference

ALCOAST 223/01

Military Personnel Data Records (PDR) System, COMDTINST M1080.10E

#### **Definition**

FSSA is a voluntary, non-taxable monthly supplemental allowance designed to bring a member's household income to within 130 percent of the Federal poverty line, thereby removing the need for supplement by food stamps.

#### **Background**

Payment of FSSA is authorized for Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve members on active duty or active duty for training and receiving Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) who would ordinarily be eligible to receive food stamps. Members in recruit training and reservists on inactive duty for training (IDT) are not entitled to FSSA.

#### Limitations

FSSA is calculated by comparing the member's monthly household income, both military and civilian and from others in the household, to an income limitation figure established by the USDA based on the size of the household.

If the member's total household income is less than the USDA income limit, the member receives the difference between the two figures, or the monthly amount of food stamps the member receives, whichever is greater.

The monthly amount of FSSA may not exceed \$500.

#### **Application**

Applications for FSSA can be obtained from the following web sites:

- DOD web site: www.dmdc.osd.mil/fssa/
- HRSIC web site: <a href="www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/mswordforms/htm">www.uscg.mil/hq/hrsic/mswordforms/htm</a> (CG HRSIC-2075).

Or call HRSIC Customer Service @ (785) 339-3540. We will fax or mail you a copy of the form and USDA Monthly Income Eligibility Limits.

### Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance, Continued

# **Application** (continued)

Submission of the FSSA Application can be done by:

Email to HRSIC-MAS@hrsic.uscg.mil

Fax to (785) 339-3760

Mail to: Commanding Officer (MAS)

Coast Guard HRSIC 444 SE Quincy

Topeka, KS 66683-3593.

#### Recertification

FSSA payments are subject to re-certification in the five instances listed below. If the member submits a new FSSA application within 30 days of such an event, and is eligible to FSSA, entitlement to FSSA will be restored the day following the last day of previous certification. If the member does not submit a new application within 30 days, the member's FSSA will be effective the date the FSSA application by 2 March in order to have FSSA restored effective 1 February.

- Annually, during the month of February HRSIC will terminate all FSSA payments on 31 January.
- Upon promotion to the next paygrade
- Upon reporting PCS
- When the member's monthly household income increases or decreases by \$100 or more
- When there is a decrease in the member's household size
   Note: If during re-certification it is determined the amount of a member's
   FSSA entitlement will decrease due to an increase in the member's
   household income, recoupment of FSSA for the previous period of
   eligibility will not be made so long as the \$100 income threshold was not
   exceeded.

# Officer Uniform Allowance Claim Worksheet (CG HRSIC-5100)

#### Introduction

The CG HRSIC-5100 is used to substantiate payment of uniform allowances

to Coast Guard regular and reserve officers.

#### Reference

CG Pay Manual,

Section 3-H, Clothing Allowances for Officers

Section 3-J, Uniform Allowances for Reserve Officers

#### **Procedure**

A copy of the CG HRSIC-5100 can be found in Enclosure (1) of this manual.

Step	Action
1	Enter officer's name, rank, and SSN
2	Enter the date officer became entitled to the allowance
3	Place an "X" in the appropriate claim code block
4	Forward to the PERSRU

## **Section Overview**

#### Introduction

This section will guide you through the guidelines, rules, and procedures for the Savings Deposit Program.

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### **Savings Deposit Program**

#### Introduction

Uniformed Services members on a permanent duty assignment outside of the United States, or its possessions, in support of a contingency operation are authorized to make deposits of their unallotted current pay and allowances to the Savings Deposit Program. Members making such deposits earn interest on their deposits at a rate of 10 percent per annum, compounded quarterly.

#### Reference

- 10 USC 1035
- Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation, Section 5101

#### Qualified Areas For Savings Deposit Program

The Secretary of Defense designates areas, which are eligible for the Savings Deposit Program. The following areas are eligible as of 1 January 2002:

- Persian (Arabian) Gulf Area, including
  - The Persian Gulf and the airspace thereover
  - The land areas of Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and the airspace thereover
- Operation Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, and Joint Forge Areas, including:
  - The land area of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovenia, Macedonia, and Hungary, and the airspace thereover
  - The waters of the Adriatic Sea north of 40N and the airspace thereover
  - Forces operational control/tactical control (OPCON/TACON) to Supreme Allied Commander Europe
- Operation Enduring Freedom, including:
  - The land area of Afganistan, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
  - The waters of the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Gulf of Oman
  - The Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude

#### Rules for Savings Deposit Program

The following rules apply to the Savings Deposit Program:

- Members may deposit a maximum of their "unallotted current pay and allowances". This is the amount of net pay (gross pay minus deductions and allotments) to which a member is entitled to receive the month immediately before the date of deposit.
- Deposits must be for a minimum of \$5.00.

### Savings Deposit Program, Continued

Rules for Savings Deposit Program (continued)

- The maximum amount on which 10 percent interest is computed is
- \$10,000 (principal and accrued interest combined). Once \$10,000 is on deposit, simple interest will be computed on the \$10,000.
- Deposits may be made via remittance to HRSIC (DC), or via allotment.
- Deposits made on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month accrue interest from the first of the month. Deposits made after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month accrue interest from the first day of the following month. The effective date of deposit is the date the deposit is received at HRSIC.
- Interest is computed at the rate of 10 percent per annum, compounded quarterly, according to calendar quarter. Quarterly interest is computed on the average quarterly balance on deposit.
- A member's eligibility to make deposits into the Savings Deposit Program terminates 90 days after departure from the qualifying area, or when the member is discharged or dies.
- All deposits, plus interest, must be repaid to the member once the member's eligibility for the Savings Deposit Program terminates. The member may request repayment of deposits, plus interest, upon departure from the permanent duty assignment. If the member does not request repayment at this time, repayment will be automatically made 90 days after the permanent duty assignment terminates. Deposits will also be repaid upon the member's discharge or death.
- Members may <u>only</u> withdraw deposits while still assigned to the contingency operation area in an emergency, i.e., when the member's commanding officer determines the health or welfare of a member or his dependents would be jeopardized if the withdrawal were not granted.
- Interest will stop at the end of the month in which repayment is made to the member.
- Once a member's principal and interest on deposit reaches \$10,000, any amounts representing interest accruing in the account may be withdrawn quarterly at the member's request.
- Members permanently assigned to a contingency operation area who
  participate in the Savings Deposit Program may continue to participate
  while TAD/TDY away from the area for the first 90 days of TAD/TDY,
  but not after 90 days.

### Savings Deposit Program, Continued

#### **Procedures**

Members who elect to participate in the Savings Deposit Program may make their deposits into the program via cash remittance to HRSIC or via allotment from their pay.

Members desiring to make deposits by cash remittance shall mail their deposit to HRSIC. A letter providing the member's name, social security number, and duty station shall accompany deposits. A copy of the letter shall be provided to the member's Personnel Reporting Unit. The member shall make a check or money order payable to U.S. Coast Guard, and mail, along with the cover letter, to:

Commanding Officer (DC)
Coast Guard Human Resources Service and
Information Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka KS 66683-3591

Members desiring to make deposits via allotment shall complete an Allotment Worksheet (CG-HRSIC-2040). Complete the CG-HRSIC-2040 as detailed below, and forward the form to the Personnel Reporting Unit for processing:

- Complete the top 3 blocks entitled SSN, Name, and Permanent Unit.
- In the Purpose of Request section, check the Start block.
- In Blanket Code block, enter **850**.
- In Start Amount block, show the monthly deposit amount.
- In Month of First Deduction, show the first day of the next month.
- In Allotment Type block, enter **D**.
- Sign and date the form in the Member's Signature and Date blocks.

Once a member's deposit, plus interest, exceeds \$10,000, the member may request that the amounts in excess of \$10,000 be withdrawn quarterly and deposited to the member's bank account. Requests of this nature shall be in letter form from the member to HRSIC (MAS), via the member's commanding officer and Personnel Reporting Unit.

### Savings Deposit Program, Continued

# **Procedures** (continued)

Members departing a contingency operation area will be required to withdraw their funds from the Savings Deposit Program within 90 days of the member's return to the U.S. The member may submit a written request for repayment to HRSIC (MAS), via the member's commanding officer and Personnel Reporting Unit, upon departure from the overseas duty station. If no letter is received within 90 days of departure from the permanent duty station, HRSIC (MAS) shall automatically refund the member via electronic funds transfer to the member's bank account.

Members requiring an emergency withdrawal of Savings Deposit funds while stationed in the contingency operation area shall submit a letter request to HRSIC (MAS) via the member's commanding officer and Personnel Reporting Unit. The request shall provide the reason motivating the withdrawal and the dollar amount of withdrawal requested. Upon receipt of an approved request, HRSIC (MAS) shall issue refund to member's bank account via electronic funds transfer.

## **Section Overview**

Introduction

This section will guide you through the guidelines, rules, and procedures for issuing bonuses.

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### **Career Status Bonus (CSB)**

#### Introduction

Under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 members who initially entered a uniformed service on or after 1 August 1986 may now elect, upon completion of fifteen years of active duty, to receive a \$30,000 Career Status Bonus (CSB).

#### Reference

• ALCOAST 427/00

#### **CSB Eligibility**

To be eligible to elect a CSB, a member must meet ALL of the following four conditions:

- 1. Be on active duty
- 2. Complete 15 years of active duty service
- 3. Have a DEIMS (Date of Initial Entry to Military Service) of 1 August 1986 or later
- 4. Qualify under Coast Guard regulations for retention to 20 years of active duty service

# Rules for election of CSB

Members will be provided an opportunity to elect a CSB six months prior to reaching fifteen years of active creditable service. The decision to elect CSB must be made prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of active duty, with the following exception:

If notice of eligibility to elect a CSB is not provided six months prior to member's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary date, the member will be provided the full six months from the date of notice of eligibility to make election.

CSB elections may not be revoked once they are effective. Elections are considered effective on the date the member has served on active duty for fifteen years. Before that date, the member may withdraw a CSB election.

### Career Status Bonus (CSB), Continued

#### Continued Service Requirement

Members who elect a CSB must agree to remain on continuous active duty until the completion of 20 years of active duty. If a member fails to complete 20 years of active duty, the member must repay a proportionate share of the CSB.

# Waiver of Repayment

Repayment may be waived if it is determined that recovery will be against equity and good conscience or is contrary to the best interest of the United States.

Recoupment shall be waived if the member:

- dies:
- is separated or retired due to physical disability; or
- is separated under an early retirement/separation program.

Recoupment will not be waived if the member's separation is due to misconduct.

#### **CSB Payments**

HRSIC shall pay the CSB no earlier than the date the member completes 15 years active service and no later than the first of the third month after 15 years active service.

CSB will be paid as elected by the member, i.e.:

- A single lump sum payment of \$30,000
- Two annual payments of \$15,000
- Three annual payments of \$10,000
- Four annual payments of \$7,500
- Five annual payments of \$6,000

CSB payments will be less applicable federal and state income tax withholdings.

If a member elects installment payments, the second and later payments will be made in January of each succeeding year.

# Taxability of CSB Payments

CSB will be subject to 28% federal income tax withholding unless:

- The member qualifies for a combat tax exclusion on the date the member reaches 15 years active duty; or
- The member elects to contribute a portion of the CSB to the tax-deferred Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Under TSP, a member may contribute up to the IRS limit per year into a federal tax-deferred savings plan (\$11,000 limit in 2002). 7% of basic pay salary payments, and 100% of special pay amounts, incentive pay amounts, and bonuses, up to a combined maximum of the IRS limit, may be contributed to TSP.

## Career Status Bonus (CSB), Continued

Effect on Retired Pay and SBP Annuities Members who elect the CSB are subject to a reduced retired pay multiplier and reduced cost-of-living adjustments (COLA's), with a one-time catch-up at age 62. Payment of a CSB will also result in reduced annuities and premiums under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

#### **Process**

This table describes the CSB election process.

When	Who does it	What happens
Six months prior to member's	HRSIC (MAS)	Sends CSB Election Form,
fifteenth active duty		CG HRSIC-2426 and a Fact Sheet of
anniversary		Information for Eligible Career
		Status Bonus Members to member's
		unit
Upon receipt of CSB Election	Command	Reviews and verifies Sections I and
Form (CG HRSIC-2426)		II of CG HRSIC-2426. If member is
		ineligible to complete twenty years
		of active service (for disciplinary,
		medical, or other reasons), the
		command shall correct block 7 of the
		CG HRSIC-2426 and initial beside
		the correction.
Not later than date member	Member	Completes Section III, IV, or V of
reaches fifteen years active		the CG HRSIC-2426 to indicate
service (or no later than six		his/her election.
months after issuance of the		Note: See TSP procedures below,
CG HRSIC-2426)		for members who reach their 15th
		anniversary during Aug - Dec 2001
		The commanding officer or his/her
		designee shall witness member's
		signature.
After member signs	Command	Distributes form:
CG HRSIC-2426		1. Original to HRSIC (MAS)
		<b>2.</b> Copy to member
		<b>3. Copy</b> to PERSRU for filing in
		Section 2: Career Documentation
		of the PERSRU PDR

# Career Status Bonus (CSB), Continued

#### Process (continued)

When	Who does it	What happens
Not later than the third month	HRSIC (MAS)	Issues CSB payment to the member.
after the member completes		
fifteen years active service		
Each year in January	HRSIC (MAS)	Issues CSB installment payments as
		appropriate.
Member retires upon	PERSRU	Sends documents from PERSRU
completion of twenty or more		PDR to CGPC (adm-3) as prescribed
years active service		in encl (8) of Military Personnel
		Data Records (PDR) System,
		COMDTINST M1080.10E. The CG
		HRSIC-2426 shall be one of these
		documents.
	HRSIC (RAS)	Files copy of CG HRSIC-2426 in
		member's retired pay file. Retired
		pay is calculated per member's
		election on the CG HRSIC-2426.
Member separates prior to	HRSIC (SES)	Recoups CSB as appropriate.
completion of twenty years		
active service		